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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN NEW YORK 05449 ACTION INFO ALGIERS
NOUAKCHOTT RABAT TUNIS SECSTATE DATED 11/27/74;

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 5449

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: KHMER IN 29TH UNGA: MOROCCO

REF: USUN 5294 STATE 260170

1. AMB SCALI MET WITH FONMIN LARAKI AT UN NOV 26 TO DISCUSS
KHMER. LARAKI SAID THAT MOROCCO WANTED VERY MUCH TO SUPPORT US
POSITION CONCERNING KHMER, DESPITE RABAT'S RECOGNITION OF
SIHANOUK.

2. PROBLEM WAS INTIMATELY RELATED TO SAHARA, HOWEVER.
COSPONSORS OF RES FAVORABLE TO GRUNK WERE VERY
SAME WHO
WERE SUPPORTING MOROCCAN POSITION ON SAHARA; THOSE SUPPORTING
KHMER REPUBLIC HAD NOT YET TAKEN POSITION, OR WERE HOSTILE

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TO MOROCCO REGARDING SAHARA.

3. AMB SCALI SAID THAT US FOUND ITSELF IN THIS POSITION ON SAHARA: TWO CLOSE FRIENDS OF OURS DIFFERED AND WE WISHED TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT WHATEVER POSITION THE TWO COULD AGREE ON TO SEEK PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

4. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, LARAKI TOLD AMB SCALI ASIDE FROM AMB SLAOUI. LARAKI SAID THAT MOROCCO WOULD SUPPORT "FRIENDLY" RESOLUTION ON SUBSTANCE BUT, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, COULD NOT SUPPORT ON PRIORITY. HE CLEARLY IMPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT A "DEAL" WOULD BE POSSIBLE: IN RETURN FOR US SUPPORT TO MOROCCAN POSITION REGARDING SAHARA. MOROCCO WOULD SUPPORT "FRIENDLY" ASEAN RESOLUTION ON PRIORITY AS WELL AS SUBSTANCE.

5. COMMENT: KHMER ISSUE MOST LIKELY WILL BE DECIDED BY VERY FEW VOTES, BOTH ON PRIORITY AND ON SUBSTANCE. WE

WOULD ENCOURAGE DEPT TO RE-EXAMINE QUESTION OF US POSITION REGARDING SAHARA. FOURTH COMMITTEE RESOLUTION, FAVORABLE TO MOROCCAN POSITION, IS EXPECTED TO BE TABLED NOV 28. ITS CALL FOR AN ICJ ADVISORY OPINION WILL BE APPROVED OVERWHELMINGLY. SPAIN MAY ACQUIESCE. WERE WE TO TELL MOROCCANS TOMORROW, RATHER THAN FRIDAY WHEN VOTE IS HELD ON SAHARA RESOLUTION, THAT WE CAN SUPPORT THEM, WE MAY WELL THEREBY GUARANTEE WHAT COULD BE THE DECIDING VOTE ON KHMER. CONVERSELY, IF WE FAIL TO ACT, AND DELAY DECISION, KHMER VOTE COULD BE LOST FOR THIS VERY REASON. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND WE BE AUTHORIZED TO TELL SLAOUI TOMORROW WE WILL SUPPORT MOROCCAN POSITION ON SAHARA RESOLUTION IN FOURTH COMMITTEE, IF WE CAN EXTRACT FIRM PRIORITY VOTE FROM HIM. AS DEPT AWARE, MOROCCO'S VOTE LIKELY TO DETERMINE TUNISIA'S VOTE (TUNIS 7002).
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